

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Apprenticeships offer a gateway to the middle class, delivering opportunities for Minnesotans to

earn increased wages, while they receive structured, on-the-job training, related skill and safety

instruction, and earn nationally recognized credentials; and

WHEREAS: Apprenticeship programs are a partnership between employers, labor, education, and government,

with a shared commitment of establishing career opportunities for Minnesotans to build our

State's economy; and

WHEREAS: Apprenticeship is a proven model for Minnesota employers to recruit, train, and retain a highly-

skilled, diverse, and inclusive workforce; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes the many contributions and efforts of organized labor in the construction

trades and their signatory employers that jointly provide more than 10,000 apprenticeship

opportunities each year; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry continues to expand registered apprenticeship

opportunities in high-growth, high-demand industries in agriculture, advanced manufacturing,

construction, health care, information technology, transportation, and utilities; and

WHEREAS: Apprenticeship participation continues to climb to record levels in Minnesota with increasing

diversity in gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 13-17, 2017, as:

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3rd day of November.



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SECRETARY OF STATE